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Article

BALANCED BUDGET IN ROAD SPENDING

By HENRY THOMPSON

Every household knows the meaning of the word budget, however, I was greatly surprised to find an explanation given in my dictionary as "A sack with its contents," among the other meanings commonly understood.

The "Sack with its contents," is an exact description of the kind of budget used by our local authority, in Public Works administration of Improvement District finances. The sack is dumped in a four and a half month period, without planned consideration of the other seven and a half months of the remaining year.

A housewife spending in the first few days, her two weeks' budget allowance would be in difficulties.

Conditions and needs have changed from the horse and caboose, dog team and snow-shoe travel to present high speed motors, bus service to local schools and truck freight service. A large part of Government revenue comes from license charges for a full year, making no provision for part time use of these machines. The gasoline tax is no small item. In addition, plowing these machines through snow drifts adds 30 per cent to the ordinary costs in breakage and extra gasoline.

Our members of parliament who when consulted for some solution, have a chronic answer ready—"No money"—over the years appear helpless to remedy the situation.

What is needed is a revolutionary stream-lining of method in handling road finances in line with present-day needs. Improvident budgeting and rash spending without direct accounting except in the sum total is an outdated practise. Such a method is conducive to inefficiency.

Our improvement district authority and sole agent, the District Engineer, should be required to give an accounting detailed as to each separate district, allotment and cost in road mileage built and material used. Yearly maintainer patrol in each patrol district road maintained. Improvement district share of Government truck service and administration cost charged to each improvement district concerned.

These figures would quickly reveal inefficiency of men in charge of construction and maintenance and a good engineer would have nothing to fear from a revelation to the public of this information. Secrecy in public business and handling of the large allotments now provided by our Government does not develop trust or justify confidence in our elected representatives and in complete variance with democratic theory.

Your tax money is involved and the general public have a right to such information. Autocratic disposal of Improvement District finances without a true accounting is as out of place as dog teams and snowshoe travel in the main streets of Lac la Biche town today.

LAC LA BICHE NEWS BRIEFS

Mrs. P. Miller went to Athabasca to visit Mr. and Mrs. A. Shaw and her cousin Mrs. Olsen.

Miss Pat Edwards from Wetaskiwin was the guest of Geo. Coutney.

Mr. Nerie Roberts from Yellowknife, visited his children and friends for a few days. He has returned to his position in the Negas Mines at Yellowknife.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rezewski were in the city recently.

Mrs. Romeo Coutney went to Rocky Mountain House to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stelfox.

Miss Janette Roberts went to Calgary for a holiday.

Mr. Frank Peressini went to Heart Lake fishing.

Mr. Barney Arnfinson is home for a short visit visiting his wife and daughter Garlene, Barney is book-keeper at Imperial Mills.

Mrs. Sewchuk went to Edmonton for two weeks holiday.

Th W.A. of St. Andrew's Anglican Church met at home of Mrs. R. W. Davies, when plans were made to hold a Rummage Sale on Wednesday afternoon, February 21 in the theatre.

IMPERIAL MILLS NEWS NOTES

Mr. Fred Smith, mechanic at Imperial Mills, is in Edmonton on a business trip.

Mrs. Bob Gosset, whose husband is trucking lumber at Imperial Mills, left for Stony Plain for a short visit.

Mr. John Bozak returned home from the city last Sunday.

Church Notices

Anglican Church Services

Rev. Alan G. Howes, Rector

Sunday, Feb. 18:

11 a.m.—St. Andrews, Lac la Biche.

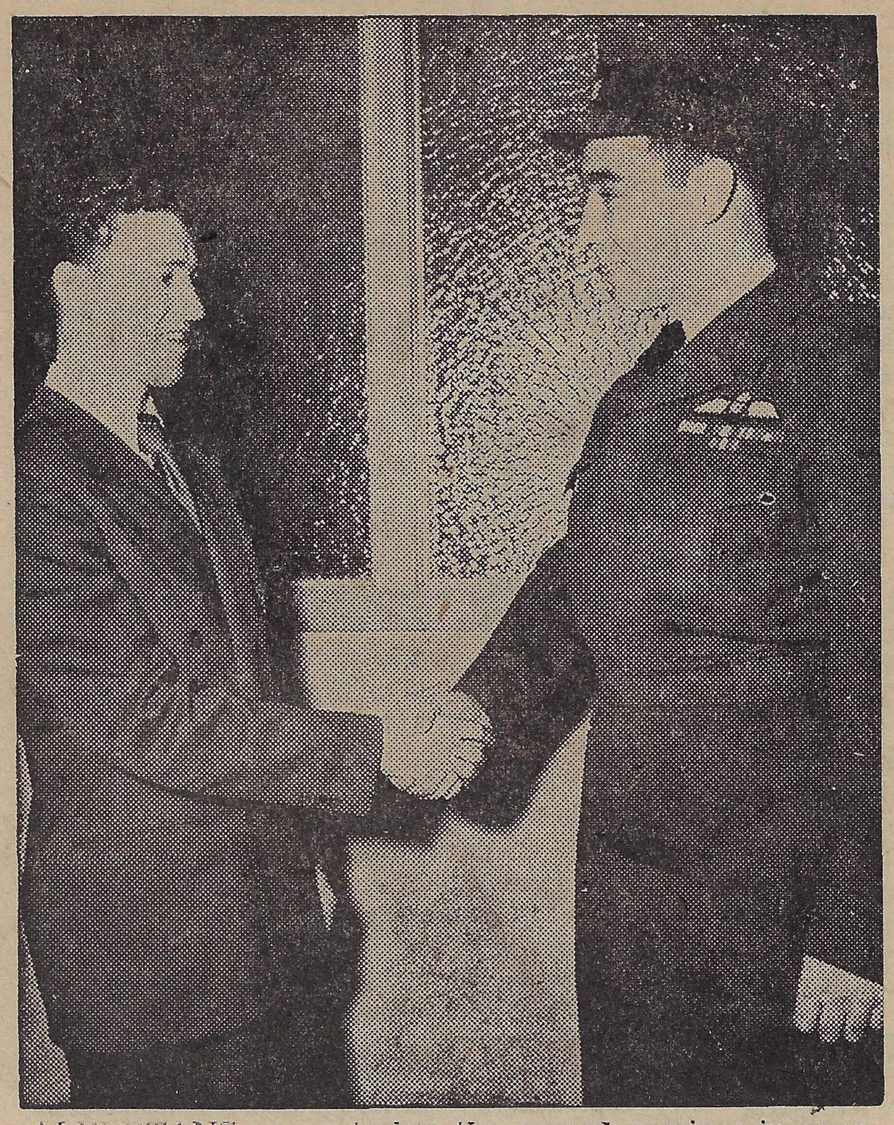
3:30 p.m.—Wandering River.

(Weather and roads permitting).

Sunday, Feb. 25:

11 a.m.—St. Andrew's Lac la Biche.

3 p.m. Holy Trinity, Grassland.



ALBERTANS are entering the armed services in ever-growing numbers. Here, an RCAF recruit, John Prusak of Bellis, Alta., is being congratulated by Flight Lieut. V. A. (Suds) Sutherland, Officer Commanding RCAF Recruiting Unit, Edmonton, on his choice of a career.

PLAMONDON NEWS BRIEFS

A shower was held at the home of Mrs. Alex Gauthier in honor of Miss Lena Dube, a bride to be. Around 35 guests were present and a very entertaining time was enjoyed. A delicious lunch was served.

Mr. Leo Bourassa and Mr. Leo Gaudet made a business trip to Edmonton.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Phil Johnson, twin girls.

The John Deere show, that was sponsored by the John Deere Co. and R. E. Piquette on Feb. 6, was very successful.

Mr. Jack Clendenon of Edmonton, is new office manager of Bob's Garage and John Deere Company. Mr. Clendenon will bring his wife and daughter to reside in Plamondon later in the spring.

Mr. Ewald Erickson had the misfortune of sinking his "Cat" in a creek while opening roads in the bush at Menard Bros. Lumber Camp.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rachon, a son.

In Edmonton during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Roland Piquette.

Mr. Bob Piquette made a business trip to Edmonton.

Mrs. Philip Plamondon made a trip to Edmonton, where she consulted her doctor.

Mr. Emile Gauthier, who was employed at a camp in Whitecourt has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Urbain Plamondon are back on their farm after spending several months in town.

Avenir Residents Visit Lac la Biche

AVENIR—Mr. John St. Jean, Mr. Clifton Plamondon and son Lawrence and Mr. Sullivan Plamondon motored to Lac la Biche on a business trip recently.

The timber wolves are still not so far away as one has been up close to John St. Jean's gate in the night. We heard him howling and we've seen his large tracks. These wolves will be a real menace to our cattle next summer when left out on pasture.

Pauline Johnson stayed with Lorraine St. Jean while Mrs. John St. Jean was away visiting. They enjoyed their staying together, arguing all the time (for fun).

Rev. Father Ouellette of Venice, sponsored an enjoyable show in Avenir. A dance was held after the show. Those who attended the show and dance from Plamondon were Mr. and Mrs. Aurelle Dube, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dube, Mr. Albin Plamondon, Miss Lena and Edmond Dube.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Biolls of Venice, visited Mrs. Bioll's parents, also Mr. and Mrs. Harvey St. Jean recently. On their way back they were accompanied by Mrs. John St. Jean and Mrs. Harvey St. Jean, who went to Lac la Biche to visit relatives.

M'MURRAY IODE HOLDS MEETING

McMURRAY. — Mrs. W. Hill was re-elected regent of the Christina Gordon Chapter of the IODE for the sixth year, at the annual meeting held Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. Stephen.

Others named to office were Mrs. A. Hardman, first vice-regent; Mrs. M. A. Jewitt, second vice-regent; Mrs. L. Sharland, secretary; Mrs. J. Stephen, treasurer; Mrs. L. K. Millar, educational secretary; Mrs. S. Daley, Echoes secretary; standard bearer, post-war, Mrs. M. A. Jewitt; child and family welfare, Mrs. J. Stephen.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. Hill March 14.

Rosemarie Couture Weds In Waterways

McMURRAY. — St. Peter's Church, Waterways, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Jan. 22 at 5:30 p.m. when Rosemarie Couture became the bride of Robert Short.

The bride, carrying a bouquet of roses, and attired in a princess gown of white brocaded satin, was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Ernest Couture.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Sonya Craddock, wore a floor length gown of blue moire taffeta and her bouquet was of pink carnations.

Mr. Steve Craddock was best man.

Rev. Father Tercotte officiated.

Mr. Ernie Meunier played the wedding music and Mrs. Rose Stranberg was soloist.

Following the signing of the register, a reception and dinner were held for the many friends of the happy couple.

After a wedding trip to Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. Short will reside in Waterways.

Lac La Biche Couple Pledge Vows

LAC LA BICHE—St. Andrew's Church was the scene of a pretty wedding, Feb. 8, when Miss Rose Brezinski of Lac la Biche, became the bride of Mr. Michael Stuparyk of Craigend. The Rev. A. Howes officiated. Miss Denise Brezinski, sister of the bride, Miss Olga Stuparyk, and Miss Stella Lachowich were bridesmaids. The floor-length veil worn by the bride was supported by two flower girls, Miss Adeline Stuparyk and Miss Sophie Brezinski. The groom was supported by Mr. Bronnie Balaban as best man, while Mr. Mike Hocko and Mr. Paul Eleniak served as ushers.

Canada's western mountain covers 530,000 square miles.



UNEXPECTED visitor in Montreal was this baby seal, which was found stranded on a cake of ice when ice jams caused St. Lawrence river to overflow its banks. Here he is seen being tempted by large chunks of fish.

LAC LA BICHE FUR BREEDER TOPS EASTERN MARKET SALES

LAC LA BICHE — Congratulations are in order for Michael Maskalyk who has been informed by wire by the Western Canada Fur Pool of Winnipeg that his lot of standard mink has topped the recent eastern fur sales at an average of $37.50.

It is a two-fold honor. First bouquet for "Mike" who takes great pride in his standard mink and secondly a bouquet for Lac La Biche. This undoubtedly has placed Lac La Biche on the map for many people and further proof is hereby established that the finest mink are undisputably raised in this community where the Fur Breeders' Association is among the most active groups of its kind in the province.

Maskalyk has won recognition for his standard mink at regional shows; last year capturing the cup for the Champion Standard Mink, and this year a cup for the best pair of standards entered in a class where pairs of mink of any class were elligible.

EDITORIAL PAGE

Right Chapter; Wrong Verse

The avowed purpose of the Temperance forces is to reduce the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Too much liquor is too bad for anybody; none at all is better than too much. But a lot of people in the Province like it and so the Government has established a very efficient system for the distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages.

The sale of liquor is, therefore, under control. The beer business is not a racket because it operates under Government license. Those who make their living through the manufacture, distribution and sale of beer, wine and spirits do so legally. There are no known racketeers. We know of no class of businessmen who are more circumspect in their business, as a group, than Hotel men. This is true also of the management and staff of Government Liquor stores.

The cartoon illustration on this page would be a perfect picture of what the situation would be like in a period of prohobition. Then the dog (organized crime) really does have the public "up a tree". The racketeer stands idly by, doing nothing to remedy the situation. Why should he? He operates an extremely lucrative business without control, taxes or restraint of any kind.

The artist who conceived this cartoon must have had another passage of time in mind. It is the right chapter in the book of temperance, alright, but it's the wrong verse.

Don't Sow Weeds

You can have a poor crop with good seed—but you can't have a good crop with poor seed. This is so true, and the reasons for using only good, clean seed are so obvious it's surprising that some Alberta farmers still sow inferior seed or seed not cleaned.

A year ago this month the new seed cleaning plant was opened at Morinville. They have just issued a year-end report of the first twelve months' operations. We wonder if they thought of weighing or measuring the "harvest" of weed seeds that would have cost countless bushels of grain had they been planted instead of having been cleaned from the seed. That WOULD be impressive.

Weed seeds are small, scarcely noticed in grain. There can be hundreds of them in every handful. Literally millions can be planted by one farmer in a single season unless the seed is properly cleaned.

Our advice to our many farm readers: you can increase your yield and your profits if you DON'T SOW WEEDS!

The Spirit of Lent

Many Christians go through life observing certain religious rituals and customs without any clear understanding of their meaning. This is a pity because the Christian faith, being a practical religion, has good and beautiful meanings to every tenet of belief.

The fundamental basis of the Christian faith is that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was willingly given by His Father, and He willingly gave himself, to die as a sacrifice for men and women. What a marvellous example of piety and sacrifice—that the Holy one should so humble himself for the welfare of mankind. So that all those putting their trust in him might be saved from eternal punishment.

As we approach the Easter season, (Easter comes on March 27th this year), we are enjoined to show, in a small measure, a token of that self-sacrifice that Christ displayed when He died on the Cross. We do this by denying ourselves certain pleasures, certain mealtime dishes. This is the Spirit of Lent.

Note and Comment

The New York Times has a new subscription to offer readers. You can now buy the Times—10 issues at a time—on a small roll of microfilm. Subscribers have a special projector to show each page, individually on a screen—one page at a time. Advantage of the system is the small filing space required for those subscribers who keep copies of the Times for reference purposes. The cost: $144.00 per year is considered very reasonable. Subscribers of this paper could have a paid up subscription for a lifetime—72 years—for this amount of money.

It's The Walter Mitty In Me

By T. W. PUE

Walter Mitty has already gone down in literature with other great and legendary figures such as Paul Bunyan, and Christian the Pilgrim. Mitty is the common Joe, no better or worse than you or me, who lets his imagination fly off into the realms of the Great.

I think we all, at sometime, live the private life of Walter Mitty. Is there a student nurse who has never imagined herself doing the deeds of Florence Nightingale, (even before she hears the graduation day addresses)?

Is there a bank janitor who hasn't had a clear picture of himself sitting behind the General Manager's desk, or addressing the weekly meeting of the Board of Directors? Or a politician who hasn't been Prime Minister or President?



T. W. Pue

Every little boy who puts on a cowboy suit isn't just pretending. Some of them are really playing Hopalong Cassidy.

At one time or other we have each of us stood at the top of the world. We have done great deeds, we have dared to do it or die—and we have won. We have taken with us the acclaim and applause of the whole world.

We are each of us Walter Mitty, in private life and in person.

WALTER (SCOTT) MITTY

Books about the Arctic and Antarctic fascinate me. While I disdain cold and snow, and would rather quickly migrate to a climate of sunny sands and tall palm trees waving in the South Sea breezes. I am fascinated by the work of men like Scott, who trudged a thousand miles over the Southern Continent's icecap to fame and misfortune.

Scott sought world recognition. And he got it by getting to the South Pole. Not first, as he had hoped, but second. He was there a few days after Amundsen reached the Pole. Amundsen used dog teams and sleds. Scott, in ignorance of the best methods of Arctic travel used ponies.

Somehow or other, Amundsen, though he won the race to the Pole, never in my mind reached the fame of poor Scott. And so, to Scott I am Walter Mitty, the great imitator. It is not Scott that reaches the Pole. It is I. But I have one up on the great explorer. I do not give up just 11½ miles from the next depot, where there is food to carry me on to the next depot, and so on and on until I reach the coast and safety. I, Walter Mitty, strive to that nearest supply depot. I reach it and the world acclaims my courage and perseverance.

HERO IN DISASTER

You have read of disasters, where someone used super-human courage to avert death and tragedy. Whlie you read it, you were that person. When someone seemingly had an opportunity to show the world what true greatness is, and muffed that chance, you nevertheless stood firm. In real life they failed, but you, Walter Mitty, did not fail. You used courage, intelligence and won.

MITTY IN ACTION

Two weeks ago I had my chance. There was a train wreck at Ribstone, and I was on the train.

I had just finished breakfast, during which I discoursed with a chap from Prince Rupert. I left the table just as he started in on pancakes and maple syrup and walked towards the end of the car. I got to the buffet faster than I ordinarily would because the train started to slow down very, very fast. In a split second I was leaning over the edge of the buffet and while the car was bumping along the ties as though it had four flat tires, I heard the crash and sound of breaking dishes and saw them disintegrate right before my eyes.

In a moment or two the car was still. It was halfway in the ditch and at such an angle that even a CNR waiter couldn't stand erect while carrying a loaded tray above his head. My companion of a minute ago was sitting at the far end of the car with a bleeding head and his feet on a table.

I hurried outside to see all the cars derailed, two lying on their side. No call for heroism here. No one was seriously hurt. No one killed. The train crew were calmly hooking up their portable telegraphic equipment to the wires overhead. The engine, still on the track, went down to the station and back.

So—what was there for Walter Mitty to do? Here was no mere imagining—here was action. Well, Walter ambled back to the diner, gathered up a few unbroken cups, cream, lumps of sugar and tea bags and walked back up to the tourist car and made tea.

Mitty was cast, in real life, in the very mundane occupation of making and drinking tea with a bunch of stranded passengers.

For real action, I'm going to re-read Scott's experience at the South Pole—or perhaps catch up on Buck Rogers.



This kind of propaganda, handed out by the Alberta Temperance Forces, is so incorrect as to defeat rather than promote the cause of temperance.

Voice of the People

"VOX POPULI, VOX DEI"

Note of Thanks

Dear Sir—It is now apparent, from reports which have been received from Postmasters in all parts of the country, that over the recent Christmas period, the public co-operated as never before with the Postal Service in early mailing of their Christmas gifts and greetings.

Newspapers contributed to a great extent to this happy situation by keeping the public informed through news stories, special articles and editorials, on developments in handling the mail from day to day, and I would be remiss, therefore, if I didn't thank you for the help your publication gave us.

W. J. TURNBULL,
Deputy Postmaster General
Ottawa.

Give a Man a Chance

Dear Sir—Did it ever occur to "Sgt. C. C." who wrote to your Voice column recently that in the course of everyone's life, every man or woman has at one time or another has broken the law and that when some of us are caught and put in an institution everyone else is ready to act as a very ardent judge.

The meanest and lowerst excuse of humanity that calls himself a man, is one that will hit another when he is down, and refuse to accept his plea for a chance to redeem himself.

Boyle. EX-SOLDIER

City vs. Farm

Dear Sir—I notice in a recent editorial that you are worried as what would happen if the farmer only worked 40 hours a week.

You wouln't have to go to that extreme before you had a shortage of farm produce and really sky-high prices.

All you would have to do is put all farm women on the same basis as city women (just do housework) and men work only from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and your bacon, eggs, cream, butter, etc., would more than half disappear.

St. Albert. MIKE OSADCHUK

Flying Saucers

Dear Sir—My flying saucer bore the name "Taxes"; its lights were 1946, $141.85; 1947, $192.91; 1948, $265.79; 1950, $264.28; and just two quarters for it to fly over, and they are hilly.

I will say one thing, though. It is best to be a farmer during the war. Usually a farmer and his son or two can be exempted. Even the store-keepers acquire a pebbly patch of land and with borrowed implements scratch around to get exempt. The grain can be hoarded, if necessary, and when it is sold the farmer becomes a big shot and dictates to his neighbors.

Me? I am just a woman with a hoe in one hand and a bucket of water in the other and surrounded by spying neighbors.

Drumheller. CHLOE

It's a Free Country!

Dear Sir — Regarding certain letters in your paper that the letters against religion should not be printed. This is supposed to be a free democratic country, and anyone should be free to express their beliefs.

Don't you people read anything else but the Bible? I read everything whether it's religious, non-religious, or in-between and I use my judgement on which I think is right and more feasible on what's going on in the world.

Why should we follow primitive man's ideas when scientists have proven otherwise? As to Christmas only being celebrated for the birth of Christ, it was celebrated by the Jews long before His birth to mark the change of the days from short to longer brighter days.

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A News Section About Alberta People,
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Alberta Leading Producer In Canadian Coal Mine Race

CALGARY, Alta.—Canadian mines produced nearly 20,000,000 tons of coal in 1950, much of it from Alberta mines.

Another 27,228,803 tons of coal were imported into this country during that year. Where did all the Canadian coal go, and why, with 98 billion tons of coal in reserves which Canada has, did we need to import 7,184,184 tons more of the black gold in 1950 than in 1949?

Where our coal goes is easily answered. Federal statistics for 1949, for instance, show that the largest amount of coal is sold to the general public, either for the furnaces of thousands of homes or for hundreds of factory furnaces. A total of 12,555,563 tons of all types was sold in 1949 for these purposes, with lump or egg coal and slack coal leading the field.

The Canadian railways, the country's major transportation source, consumed the next largest amount of Canada's production, 4,369,499 tons, mostly run of the mine coal. Ship's bunkers took an additional 119,873 tons.

ONTARIO USES LITTLE COAL

A glance at the geographic destination of the coal shipped in 1949 shows that six provinces each received more than 1,000,000 tons—Nova Scotia, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Yet the leading industrial province of the country, Ontario, took only 283,355 tons of Canadian coal during the entire year.

Ontario in the same period, however, imported 15,702,297 tons of coal from the United States, its close-at-hand market. The largest percentage of this imported coal for both industrial and domestic consumption went to the Toronto area; 1,856,341 tons of American bituminous alone going to industry there, while 1,835,449 tons of American anthracite and about 1,400,000 tons of U.S. bituminous went for domestic use.

Canadian coal wasn't competing in the area of Canada's vastest industrial potential.

For instance only 40,675 tons of Canadian bituminous was used in the homes of the Toronto area while a mere 1,698 tons went to the area's industries.

Why has the actual market been so limited? The answer, says the Western Coal Federation lies in freight rates and the availability of Eastern American coal. Despite Canadian government subventions to western coal operators to offset the freight rate barrier, American coal has been able to sell in the eastern markets at a lower price, especially in such large markets as that around Toronto. With the Canadian railways threatening to drop the special $8.40 a ton rate this spring, the barrier becomes even higher.

Coupled with this is the apparent inability of the governments of Canada and the United States to work out a fairer interchange of their respective coal productions. In 1949, 215,954 tons of Canadian coal was sent to the United States, compared to 19,530,849 tons of U.S. coal brought here. By 1950 the gap was greater and Canadian reserves were as large as ever.

Easter Seal Campaign Aids Afflicted Children

One hundred fifty five thousand Northern Alberta homes will participate in the annual Canada-wide Easter Seal campaign scheduled to open the last week in February, according to Dr. George Shortt, M.B.E., Ph.D., chairman of the Alberta campaign.

The Alberta campaign is being conducted under auspices of the Edmonton Cerebral Palsy Association, and the actual mailing is being done jointly by the Kiwanis Club of South Edmonton and the Associated Canadian Travellers (Edmonton Club). The Kiwanis Club is conducting the city of Edmonton drive and the A.C.T. the rural areas from Olds north.

Twenty organizations are volunteering their help in the tremendous task of preparing 155,000 envelopes for mailing. The Kiwanis project is under way at the Rural Administration building, 81 Ave. and 104 St., and the ACT and volunteer groups operate daily at the Recreation building. Proceeds from the drive will go to the support of Alberta's crippled children not aleady looked after by other campaign funds. One particular group of which there are more than 300 in Alberta is the cerebral palsy group. Present facilities in the entire province accommodate but a dozen of these unfortunates, Dr. Shortt stated, and the main purpose to which funds from this year's campaign will be put is to enlarge the scope of assistance for these unfortunates.

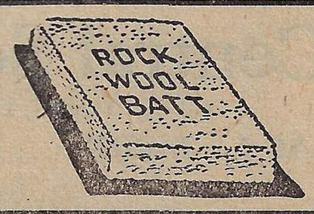
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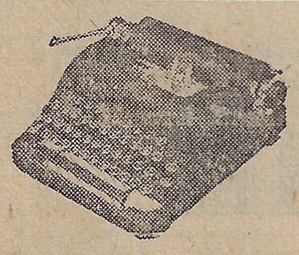
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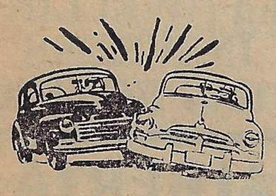
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Feb. 4	-14.2	-26.9
Feb. 5	-8.9	-18.6
Feb. 6	-3.0	-22.7
Feb. 7	-1.7	-35.8
Feb. 8	-0.6	-11.2
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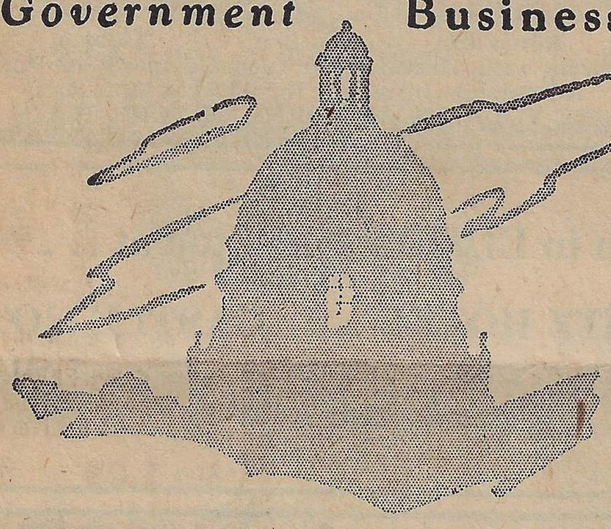
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FINAL AVERAGES RELEASED IN LAC LA BICHE BOWLING LEAGUES

LAC LA BICHE—Bowling averages for the local men's and women's bowling leagues were released this week.

Following is the final results:

W.I. BOWLING AVERAGES FOR OCT. 3 TO JAN. 16.

Standing	Players	1st R'nd	1st Av.	2nd R'nd	2nd Av.	Total Games	Final Av.
1	K. Konowalchuk	—	—	10	161	10	161.30
2	R. Pruden	10	148.4	6	140.3	16	144.35
3	B. Quast	14	150.1	14	135.1	28	142.60
4	H. Michetti	12	148.7	12	136.2	24	142.45
5	H. Benuik	14	141.7	8	132.2	22	136.95
6	I. Badry	13	132.4	12	129.8	25	131.10
7	S. Ziniewicz	12	123.5	12	134.0	24	128.75
8	G. Blair	14	140.1	14	116.1	28	128.10
9	Mrs. Gordichuk	13	129.0	14	120.0	27	124.50
10	M. Hamar	14	136.6	14	111.8	28	124.20
11	C. Coutney	6	114.2	6	134.1	12	124.15
12	M. Lett	12	109.5	12	138.4	24	123.95
13	O. Piven	12	140.1	2	106.5	14	123.30
14	R. Proctor	14	120.8	10	119.6	24	120.20
15	R. Kimm	10	131.3	4	108.5	14	119.90
16	R. Patterson	9	117.9	6	120.6	15	119.25
17	N. Moisey	14	121.4	8	116.1	22	118.75
18	P. Sampietro	14	115.0	14	122.3	28	118.65
19	O. Dorish	14	121.0	4	114.0	18	117.50
20	M. Cherkas	10	121.9	10	110.0	20	115.95
21	D. Michetti	10	111.0	12	120.0	22	115.50
22	M. Plamondon	12	114.6	12	115.6	24	115.10
23	R. Steedsman	10	137.2	6	89.8	16	113.50
24	M. Palmer	10	104.1	8	117.1	18	110.60
25	C. Wolstenholme	10	109.5	6	108.8	16	109.15
26	J. Zaluzny	—	—	10	106.7	10	106.70
27	O. Stuparyk	8	93.1	6	109.7	14	101.40
28	Mrs. Shewchuk	14	101.4	10	97.0	24	99.40
29	A. Lobay	12	88.2	14	103.0	26	95.60
30	M. Rosychuk	10	78.4	2	102.5	12	90.45
31	L. Allen	8	83.1	10	87.8	18	85.45
32	G. Jones	12	65.1	12	73.5	25	69.30
33	E. McMillan	10	70.4	10	62.5	20	66.45
34	W. Stewart	11	51.2	—	—	11	51.20

SPARES W.I. BOWLING AVERAGES OCT. 3 TO JAN. 16.

Standing	Players	1st R'nd	1st Av.	2nd R'nd	2nd Av.	Total Games	Final Av.
1	Mrs. Hawes	2	155.0	—	—	2	155.00
2	P. Hayduk	6	149.5	6	139.4	12	144.45
3	L. Ray	2	150.5	10	130.9	12	140.70
4	K. Konowalchuk	17	148.8	8	130.3	25	139.55
5	C. Kilar	4	164.0	6	113.0	10	138.50
6	M. Williams	4	125.2	4	136.2	8	130.70
7	M. Wakulich	—	—	4	128.0	4	128.00
8	D. Hamar	—	—	4	126.5	4	126.50
9	Mrs. Lewis	—	—	6	121.0	6	121.00
10	E. Lett	—	—	2	117.5	2	117.50
11	J. Zaluzny	6	118.3	4	102.7	10	110.50
12	M. Dragon	6	110.5	6	109.0	12	109.75
13	V. Maccagno	2	102.5	—	—	2	102.50
14	O. Chwedoruk	—	—	6	95.2	6	95.20
15	Mrs. Harmon	—	—	4	92.1	4	92.10

HIGH SINGLE SCORE IN LEAGUE

K. Konowalchuk, score 270

TEAM STANDINGS

Standing	Team	Games Won	Games Lost	Total Points
1	Quast	21	7	42
2	Williams	18	10	36
3	Proctor	14	14	28
4	Blair	13	15	26
5	Dragon	13	15	26
6	Badry	13	15	26
7	Michetti	10	18	20
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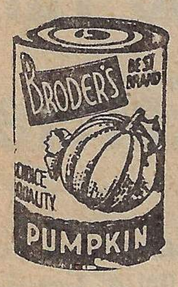
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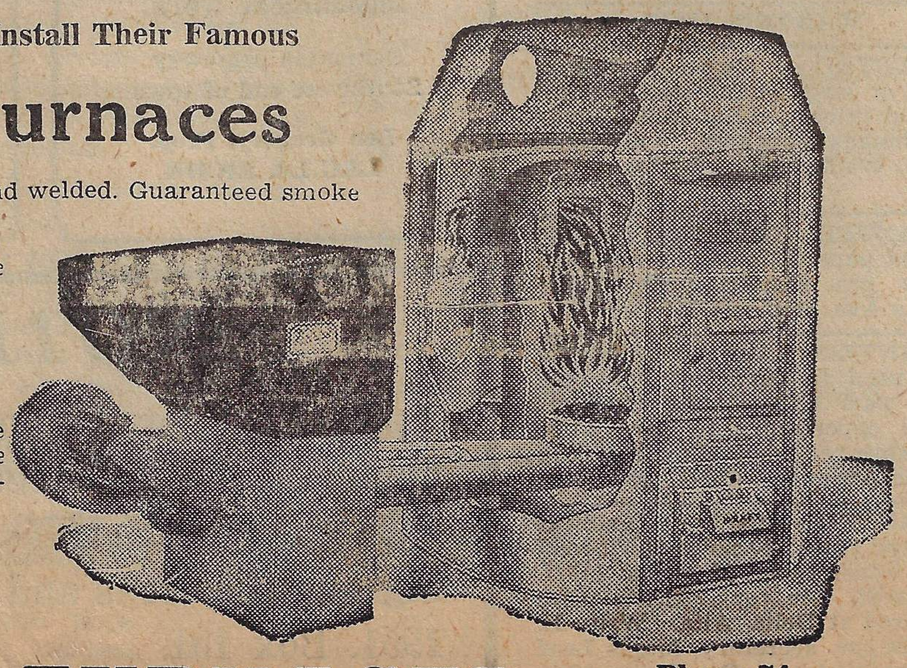
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We dated for about three months and he was transferred to another town. We didn't write for a while afterwards, now I have received several letters from him and he says he loves me. This man has been married and has two children.

Louisa, I am terribly mixed up but I feel that I can never be happy without him. And yet I am not sure he would be as good a husband as the fellow I am going with now. What shall I do?

—WORRIED

Answer:

I would not marry someone I was just "fond" of if I were a young girl That is only for people who are getting along in years and are looking for companians rather than lovers.

Hewever, a divorced man with two children is not a very good risk for a young girl. When you take into consideration the difference in your ages and the fact that he went away and didn't think enough of you to write for sometime, the chances are that you would be making a mistake in choosing him.

After all, you are young, so why not wait a while and see if it is not just infatuation you feel for this older man and not true love? You may discover that you are really in love with the boy you imagine you are only fond of if you give things a little time to work themselves out.

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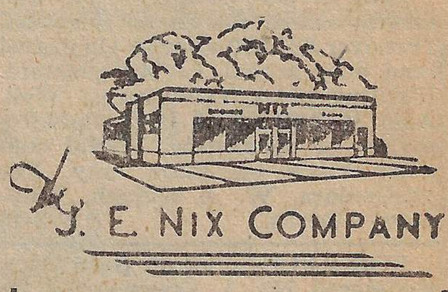
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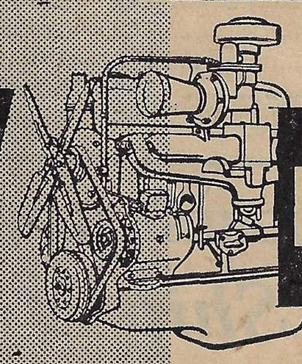
The addition to the Community Hall, as announced recently, is now under way, and should be completed very soon, weather permitting. The contractor, Mr. Leo Duplessis, is quite competent, and the added space will be appreciated by the patrons of the hall.

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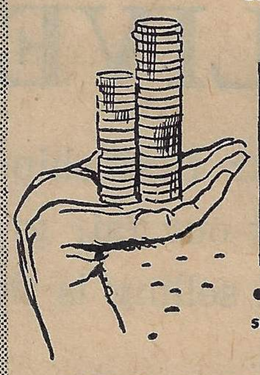
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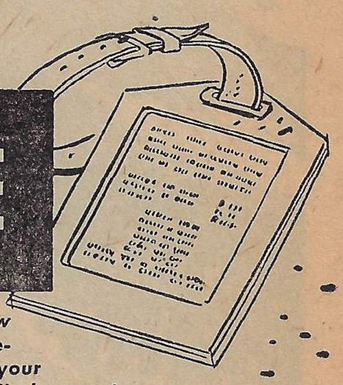
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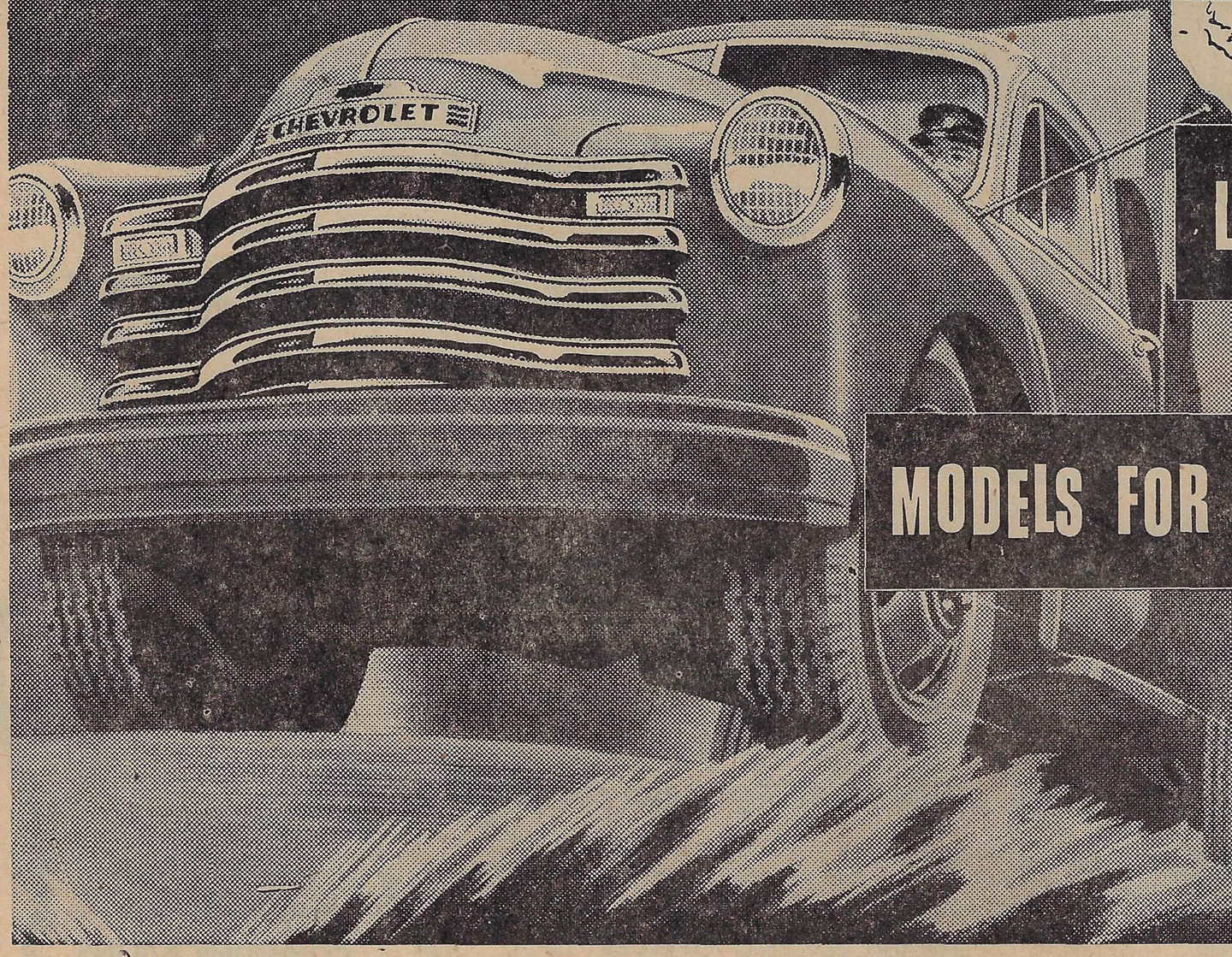
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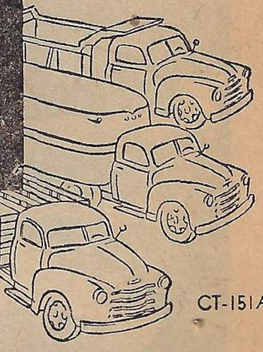


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Teams	Played	Won	Lost	Pts.
Varze	30	22	8	44
Gordichuk	30	20	10	40
Klein	32	20	12	40
Onufrew	30	18	12	36
Kimm	30	15	15	30
Michetti	32	17	15	34
Macccagno	32	17	15	34
Richard	30	16	14	32
Badry	30	13	17	26
Weeres	30	12	18	24
Coutney	34	11	23	22
Salahub	30	9	21	18

Individual averages in the Men's Bowling League were:

Konowalchuk	233
Gordichuk W.	192
Varze	188
Lett, D.	188
Michetti	182
Bourassa	181
Tymchuk	177
Coutney, R.	177
Rosychuk	175
Coutney, E.	175
Lebeuf	174
Klein	173
Palmer	172
Yakimec	170
Byrkelo	168
Radiger	168
Durocher	166
Duhamel	164
Salahub, B.	163
Rowland	163
Douvier	161
Gordichuk D.	161
Cadzow	160
Weeres	159
Cherkas	157
Cairns	157
Vincent	156
Salahub	155
Onufrew	154
McMillan	152
Richard	148
Kimm	148
Stewart	146
Davies	145
Plamondon	145
Badyr	144
Aabak	143
Moar	143
Maccagno	141
Harris	141
Fyith	140
Kelly	138
Amiot	136
Zaluzny	136
Hamar	132
Crolla	131
Art	128
Homeniuk	123
Allen	113

Ellscott Junior Grain Club Active

ELLSCOTT—The Junior Grain Club members held their meeting on Jan. 20, in Ellscott and had a very good attendance in spite of the cold weather.

Lesson I was completed, and Mr. Palowski showed us various samples of wheat. It was also decided that a dance will be held in the Ellscott Community Hall on Feb. 16, to raise money for the club. So, weather permitting, a good time is in store for all on the 16th.

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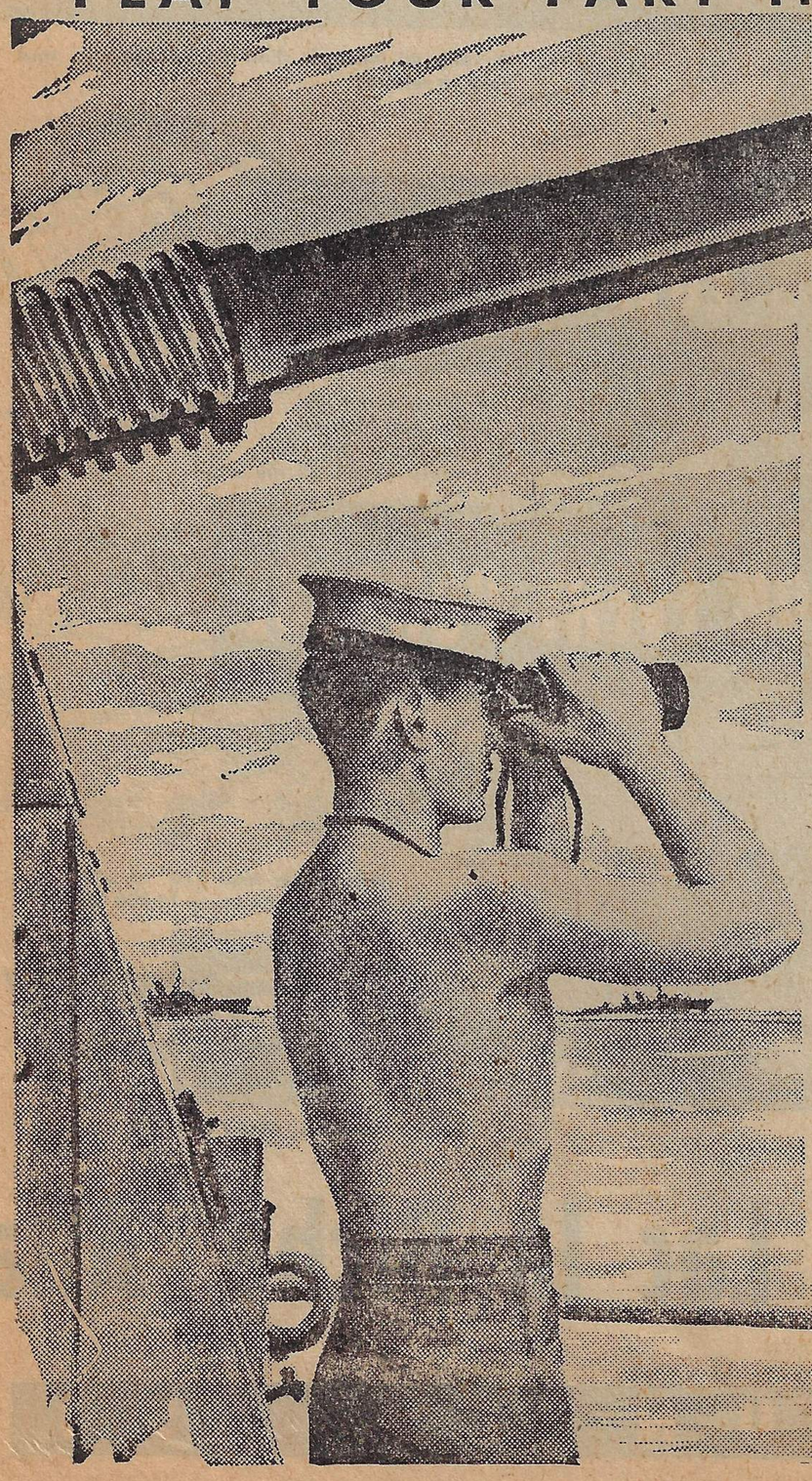
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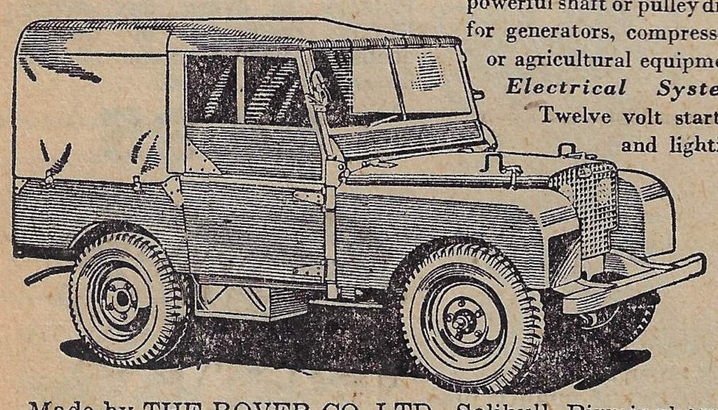
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Opening of Power Plant Delayed Until Spring

Opening of Alberta's new spray Lakes Power Plant, erected near Banff by Calgary Power Ltd., will be delayed until early spring.

Cold weather and the resultant depth of frost in the Canal embankment has caused further difficulties in the operation of the Spray Lakes power canal. Although the Company has made every effort to bring the Canal into operation, it has found this is not possible until milder weather prevails and the frost comes out of the ground.

The Company has therefore, postponed further work on the project until weather and frost conditions permit. This will delay bringing the new 62,000 h.p. Spray Plant into operation.

By releasing stored water now held in the Spray reservoir for immediate use in the Bow River plants to produce additional electrical energy, plus the purchase of steam generated power through its various interconnections, the Company believes that no restrictions that will unduly inconvenience customer use will be necessary.

As the hours of daylight become longer, the peak load situation will gradually improve, except during extreme cold weather when the use of space heaters anl similar heating appliances adds very materially to the load carried by the electrical system.

It will therefore be necessary for power consumers to continue their co-operation in restricting the use of appliances and unnecessary lights over the peak load hours from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for at least another month, especially during sub-zero weather.

OUTLINES CIVIL DEFENCE PLANS

Rural residents of Alberta must be prepared to play a major role in the evacuation and care of refugees from bomb-stricken areas, G. R. Howsam, provincial civil defence co-ordinator said recently.

He said persons in rural municipalities and towns had done an "outstanding job" caring for evacuees from the Manitoba flood areas and deserved the highest praise for the work they had done.

Rural residents in addition must prepare to protect their persons and their property against air attack and to guard against bacteriological attack, Mr. Howsam warned.

The safest place for Alberta farmers to take shelter during an air attack would be the cellar or the root cellar. It appeared "extremely unlikely that atomic bombs would be dropped near farms but if an atomic bomb exploded on or near a farm, some of the farm's crops would be flattened or burnt. Fruit and vegetables stored in cellars would be safe from radioactivity.

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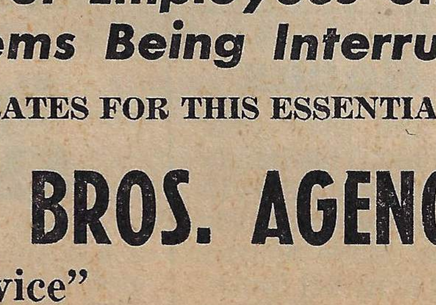
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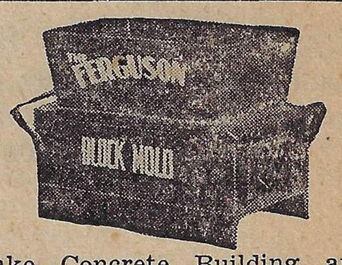
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The bride entered the church on her father's arm and looked lovely in her floor-length satin gown with lace trimming. Her floor-length veil was held up by a wreath of rhinestones, she carried a bouquet of pink carnations and white roses.

The flower girl was Miss Emilie Dube, neice of the bride. Bridesmaids were Miss Alvin Dube, sister of the bride who looked charming in a floor-length blue brocade satin dress, with matching head bonnet, and Miss Madeline Limoges of Edmonton looked attractive in a floor-length pink brocade satin with matching head bonnet. The bridesmaids each carried a lovely pink bouquet.

Best men were Bertin Amiot and Edmond Dube, brother of the bride.

A reception was held at the home of the bride for almost 30 guests. At night a dance was held in the Plamondon Comunity Hall. The newlyweds will make their home in Plamondon for awhile after which they will move to their farm in the Plamondon vicinity.

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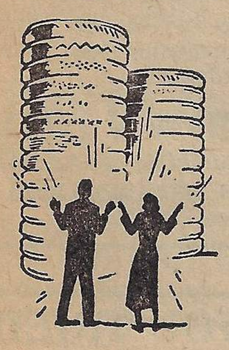
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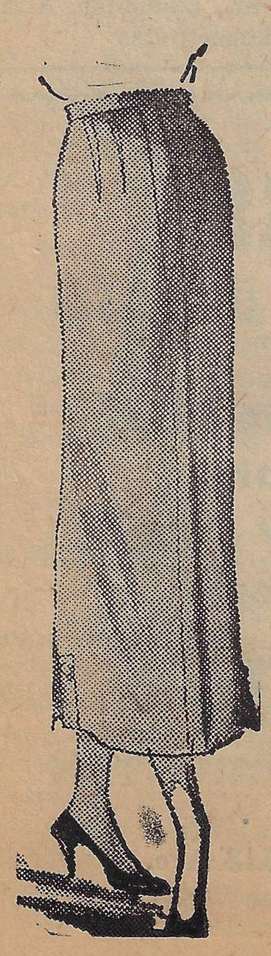
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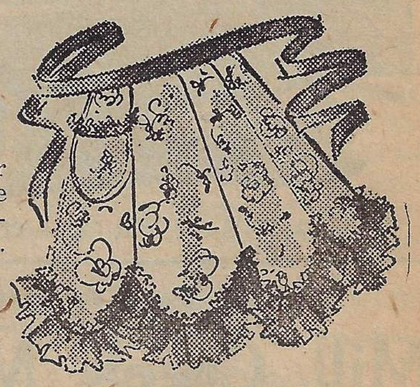
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